

Fall Leaf Pickup Program

October 24 through December 1

Every fall, the City of Portage operates a fall leaf collection program that includes the collection of leaves along public streets. **ONLY loose leaves or leaves bagged in biodegradable paper bags will be collected.**

Leaf collection will occur three times in each zone or until prohibited by weather. The schedule and map below indicate the pickup dates for the seven leaf pickup zones. Collection dates and an address locator tool are also available at portagemi.gov/282.

- » Leaves in plastic bags (including biodegradable plastic bags) **WILL NOT** be collected.
- » Place leaves at the curb by 7 AM on your scheduled pickup date.
- » Loose leaves should be raked off the grass and into the

street. Leaves bagged in biodegradable paper yard waste bags should be placed next to the curb as close to the street edge as possible. **Please do not block traffic or bike lanes.**

- » The Fall Leaf Pickup Program is separate from the Quarterly Curbside Brush Collection Program. Brush and leaf piles should be placed in separate locations at the curb (see page _ for brush collection details).
- » Public streets will be swept following the third and final collection, weather permitting.
- » There is **NO burn period** in Portage. Burning of leaves is not permitted at any time.

This program is not performed for commercial establishments, churches or schools, or on private streets (unless every property owner on a private street has signed an indemnification form). Call the Department of Public Works at 329-4444 with any questions concerning the collection of leaves on private streets.

Objects Placed in the City Right-of-Way Impede Collection Operations

Objects like portable basketball stands, rubbish containers, and other objects placed in the city right-of-way impede collection operations such as leaves in the fall, brush throughout the year, household rubbish in the spring, street sweeping, and snow plowing in the winter.

The Portage Code of Ordinances (Chapter 66, Article 1, Section 66-2) prohibits residents from placing objects in the city right-of-way. The city right-of-way is defined as the area between the curb and sidewalk or, for those without sidewalks, the area 33 feet from the center of the roadway.

Items left in the city right-of-way can result in damage to personal property and city equipment. Citizens are asked to remove all objects from the city right-of-way so Public Works employees can provide collection services without damaging their possessions or city equipment.

A safe distance to permanently position items (a portable basketball stand for example) on private property is 33 feet or more from the center of the roadway. Likewise, during trash and recycling removal days, citizens are asked to keep containers on the curb versus on the actual roadway. At no time should bike lanes or sidewalks be obstructed by leaves, brush, or trash/recycling carts.

Your cooperation in helping the city safely perform collection efforts is appreciated. For additional information, please contact the Department of Public Works at 329-4444.

